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PRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCIDs Nos. 1, 3 and 15, and for the purpose of strengthening the over-all governmental intelligence structure for the production of economic intelligence, the following policies and operating procedures are hereby established:

1. Policies

In discharging allocated responsibilities and effecting integration of economic intelligence, the interested departments and agencies will apply the following basic principles:

- a. No complete separation of areas of interest is possible or necessarily desirable in this field of economic intelligence.
- b. Full and free interchange of all intelligence information and finished intelligence and schedules of research programs, including external research, between all agencies concerned is essential.
- c. No one agency is considered to be the final authority in any field; conclusions may be questioned by other IAC agencies and dissents recorded.
- d. Any agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement intelligence obtained from other agencies in order to fulfill its agency functions, but basic research studies should not normally be disseminated outside the producing agency without advance consultation with the agency having primary responsibility for the subject matter involved.
- e. An agency charged with primary responsibility in a particular field will develop special competence in that field and will normally

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carry out most of the research in that field.

f. Each intelligence agency will endeavor to coordinate the intelligence activities of its technical services and its other facilities having economic intelligence production capabilities with the work of the IAC intelligence agencies and to make available to those agencies the intelligence produced by such services and facilities.

2. Allocation of Primary Production Responsibilities

a. Production of general economic intelligence on countries outside the Soviet Bloc* is the responsibility of the Department of State.

b. Production of general economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc* is the responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency.

c. Production of military-economic intelligence on all foreign countries, including by way of illustration intelligence on military end-item production, logistic capabilities, vulnerabilities to all forms of military attack, target systems, is the responsibility of the intelligence agencies of the Department of Defense.

d. Despite the above-mentioned allocations of primary production responsibilities, there will be areas of common or overlapping interest which will require continuing inter-agency liaison and cooperation.

3. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Coordination

a. The Central Intelligence Agency will continue to have the responsibility for coordination of foreign economic intelligence as outlined in NSCID No. 15. To assist the Central Intelligence Agency in carrying out this responsibility the Economic Intelligence Committee shall continue to perform the functions outlined in IAC-D-22/1 (revised).

* As used herein "Soviet Bloc" includes USSR, Communist China, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania, Soviet occupied portions of Germany and Austria, and Communist dominated portions of Korea and Indo-China.

b. In order to minimize duplication of effort and expense, the EIC will prepare and circulate consolidated periodic lists of the economic research being conducted within the intelligence agencies. All external projects for research on foreign economies involving more than \$5,000 will be submitted to the EIC for ^{recommendation} ~~clearance~~ in advance of final approval. Any agency may appeal the ~~action~~ ^{recommendation} of the EIC with respect to an external research project to the IAC.